

REMARKS

Claims 2-5, 9, 12, and 13 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claims 1, 6-8, 10, 11, 14 and 15 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Figure 1 was objected to.

By separate letter, a proposed drawing correction to Figure 1 has been submitted.

It is respectfully submitted that the corrected Figure 1 overcomes the objection.

Claim 15 was objected to.

Claim 15 has been cancelled and it is respectfully submitted that the cancellation of Claim 15 obviates the rejection to Claim 15.

Claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

By the instant amendment, Claims 14 and 15 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 3, 4-6, 8, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being anticipated by alleged admitted prior art, namely Melanson; and Claims 2, 7, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Melanson.

It is respectfully submitted that the cancellation of Claims 1, 6-8, 10, 11, 14, and 15 and the amendment of the remaining claims to depend from the allowable claim obviates the rejections of these claims.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claim 9 is allowed.

Additionally, Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 12 and 13 if amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims these claims would be allowable.

By the instant amendment, Claim 12 has been amended to only include the limitations of Claim 10.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WDS', is written over the printed name of the attorney.

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